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FOR A MEDICAL PROCEDURE

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 26, 2003 (Paper No. 8), applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-9 for continued examination, **with traverse**.

Applicants believe that the proper restriction is the combination of Groups I, II, III and V (claims 1-13, 19) when properly considered under the unity of invention standard